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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action issued on February 7, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was due on May 7, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time for filing a response to the Office Action. A check in the amount of \$195.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a two-month extension of time for a small entity. A response to the final Office Action is now due on July 7, 2001. However, since July 7, 2001 fell on a Saturday, a response filed the next following business day, namely,

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